REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments herein, claims 12 - 31 remain pending in the application. In particular, Applicant has added claims 19 - 31 and has canceled claims 1 - 11 without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are hereby courteously requested. In this regard, a telephonic conference to expedite the examination of this matter is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call, at his/her earliest convenience, the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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